

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR F.A. DAY FAMILIES**

### **1. What are the hours of the school day?**

The school hours for F.A. Day Middle School are:

7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m. (Every day except for Wednesdays)

7:55 a.m. - 1:40 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Students may arrive at school for breakfast or before school activities at 7:30 a.m.

### **2. When is the first day of school for students?**

Thursday, September 9, 2021.

The NPS 2021-2022 school calendar is linked below:

[NPS 2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

### **3. How do I sign my child up for the school bus?**

Sign up for bus transportation ends on July 31, 2021. Bus passes can be accessed electronically and available to print out by August 30, 2021 via the ASPEN parent portal.

More information can be found here:

[NPS Bus Registration](#)

### **4. How do I drop off my child for school if they are not taking the bus or walking?**

To enter through the front entrance of Day, students should be dropped off at the top of Minot Place on Walnut Street or

on one of the side streets such as Linwood Avenue. A crossing guard will assist students in crossing Walnut. Parents MAY NOT drive down Minot Place from the hours of 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. and 2:00 - 2:25 p.m. (1:20 - 1:40 p.m. on Wednesdays). (\*\*If your child has access issues that require a drop-off in the front of the school, contact our nurse's office for a pass: [larsong@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:larsong@newton.k12.ma.us) or [garvina@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:garvina@newton.k12.ma.us))

Students entering Day from the back mural entrance can be dropped off on Albemarle Rd. and follow the paved pathway to the school across the fields. No parking is allowed in the bus loading zone by the pathway from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. or in the afternoon from 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. (on Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.)

## **1. How will my child find out what team they are on?**

Teams will be posted in the ASPEN portal by Friday, August 27, 2021. Your child will be assigned a team and "advisory" teacher who will be one of the four teachers on their team.

## **2. What school supplies does my child need on the first day of school?**

On the first day of school, students should bring

- a two-ply folder
- Pen or pencil
- Independent reading book
- One spiral notebook
- Two combination locks (one for a PE locker and one for their classroom locker). *Tip: these types of locks can be*

*purchased in a two-pack with both locks sharing the same combination so that it is easier to remember.*

Teachers will hand out lists with additional school supply needs on the first day of school.

### **3. Where will my child report on the first day of school?**

6th grade students report to the cafeteria on the first floor. Students should find their team advisory teacher's table and sit down.

7th grader students report to the auditorium on the second floor.

8th grade students report to the gym on the second floor.

Faculty members will greet and direct students at each entrance and in the hallways on the first days of school. Students should report to their grade level locations by 7:45 a.m. on the first day of school.

### **4. Do students bike ride to school and will there be bike racks available?**

Many students ride their bikes to Day. There are plenty of bike racks at the back entrance ( the mural entrance) of the building. There is also a bike rack at Minot and Walnut Street.

### **5. How do I sign my child up to buy lunches at Day?**

More information about buying school lunches at NPS can be found here:

[School Lunch Program](#)

## **6. Will my child be assigned a locker?**

Yes. This year every child will be assigned a locker outside of their team advisory classroom. Students should arrive on the first day of school with two combination locks- one for the regular locker and one for the PE locker.

## **7. How can I drop off something my child has forgotten?**

- Label the item with your child's name and grade
- Proceed to the front entrance of the school and ring the buzzer to be let in.
- Place the item on the front table in the vestibule.
- We will notify your child that there is an item for them on the table.

## **8. How do I inform the school if my child will be out?**

If your child will be out sick, missing school for all or part of the day for any reason, arriving late or being dismissed early, please call the Day Student Attendance Line at : **617-559-9102** and leave your child's name, team, date and time they will be out, along with the reason.

If your child is leaving early, and you would like them to be ready in advance, in addition to calling the number above, please have your child bring in a note to our front office, and we will give them a pass to leave class at their designated time of dismissal and wait for you in the front lobby.

**9. What after school activities are available at Day? How much do they cost? When do they begin?**

Day Middle School offers both after school clubs and sports. Fall sports typically begin by mid-September; clubs begin by October. All after school activities meet at the discretion of the faculty club advisor, who determines the schedule. A late bus is available for students around 4:00 p.m. The exact times for the late bus will be posted once the transportation schedule has been finalized.

There is a one-time annual fee of \$60 that allows your child to participate in as many clubs as they choose over the course of the year. The only exception to this fee is for students joining drama club, who are required to pay \$100, but this includes all productions and also any clubs that a student would like to join. The cost of team sports is \$180 and there is a cap for families. Scholarships are available for any families in need of financial assistance.

Information on sports and club sign-ups and scholarships can be found here:

[F.A. Day After School Activities](#)

Information will also be shared with parents in the weekly newsletters and with students during advisory class.

**10. What public health restrictions and precautions will be in place for the coming school year?**

Newton Public Schools will communicate which safety protocols, such as masks and distancing, will remain in place for the fall, based upon public health guidelines. More information to follow as we get closer to the school year.

